



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**
Portland District

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher E. Schuster

Deputy District Engineer

Biography



Lt. Col. Christopher E. Schuster became deputy district engineer and deputy commander of the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on Jan. 3, 2001. In this position, he assists the district engineer in overseeing the work of about 1,100 civilian employees.

The Portland District, one of five districts in the Corps' Northwestern Division, is responsible for the Corps' water resource activities in western Oregon and part of southwestern Washington. Portland District has one of the Corps' most comprehensive and diversified civil works programs. Its major emphasis is on environmental management and restoration, fish and wildlife protection and enhancement, hydroelectric power, navigation, flood damage reduction, recreation, and operation of the Corps' center of expertise for hydropower and pump station engineering.

Lt. Col. Schuster's military career began in 1980 when he received his commission as an engineer officer through the ROTC program. Most recently, he served as the commander for the U.S. Army's 3rd Battalion, 364th Regiment, 4th Brigade, 91st Division, in Fort Lewis, Wash., where he provided training support and evaluations for numerous reserve component engineer units in the Western United States.

Lt. Col. Schuster received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1980, where he was a ROTC distinguished military graduate, and a master of science degree in mechanical engineering from Rice University in 1990. His military education includes the Command and General Staff College, Combined Arms Service Staff School, and the Engineer Officer's Basic and Advanced courses.

Since his commissioning, Lt. Col. Schuster has served in a variety of command and staff assignments both in the Continental United States and Germany, to include platoon leader; assistant battalion operations, plans and training officer; battalion intelligence officer; company commander; battalion logistics officer; brigade adjutant; battalion executive officer; and staff engineer officer with Headquarters, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army. He also served as a master instructor of mechanical engineering at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. In 1995, Lt. Col. Schuster deployed to Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Endeavor.

Among awards presented to Lt. Col. Schuster during his career are the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, and the NATO Medal.

He is a member of the Society of American Military Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Army Engineer Association and the Association of the United States Army. He enjoys time with his family, computers and sports.